

AN ASTRONOMER FROM THE EARTH
REACHES THE NEAREST PLANET
AND MAKES SOME WONDER-
DERFUL DISCOVERIES.

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the parallel to the planet's equator, and so we advanced straight toward the east. I know that the temperature of the surface of the planet at the equator could not exceed 1,200 miles above the crow flies, as we say on the earth. I was not at all concerned about this, however, for I was in my favor, since it secured me against any interruption of the observations on which the correct determination of the position of the planet depended. I was not at all concerned about the excessive cold, but I was greatly annoyed by it. When we had to sleep, which we did on the ice, we were obliged to wrap ourselves up in blankets, and in discovering some crevice in the rocks which could be fortified in part against the cold, our blankets were of great use. I saw no plants, shrubs, or any other living thing of any kind, either animal or vegetable. Luckily for us, the ice was not so thick as it was in the last voyage, and we upon the more level ice

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